

KEYS FISHERIES MARKET & MARINA



Stone Crab Eating Contest – November 1st, 2025

Rules

This contest is open to Amateur eaters only, and is not open to professional eaters. This contest is meant to be “novelty” type competition for the loyal loving customers to promote Stone Crabs in our community.

Eligibility: Contest is open to all 18 years or older.

1. To Enter: READ CAREFULLY THIS OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM FOR THE STONE CRAB EATING CONTEST, INCLUDING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY PROVISIONS. At the actual event, complete and sign this document below. All entry forms become the property of Keys Fisheries, Inc.

- ☐ **Contest Rules:** There will be one competition that will be held on November 1st, 2025 at Keys Fisheries Restaurant.
- ☐ Time and date are subject to change without notice.
- ☐ Contestants must have a neat and clean appearance for the event. Casual clothing or active wear is appropriate.
- ☐ Contestants must be present and registered by 11:00 am. The competition will begin at 12:00 pm.
- ☐ Upon registration each participant will be assigned a contestant number and will be instructed to wait at a designated area. A contestant will forfeit his or her place should he or she fail to register at the registration table.
- ☐ The object is to eat 25 stone crab claws within the fastest time.
- ☐ Contestants may eat either sitting or standing in their designated areas.
- ☐ Contestants will be allowed to drink water during the competition.
- ☐ If a contestant throws up or regurgitates, he or she is automatically disqualified.
- ☐ Judges will be on hand to assure adherence to contest rules, monitor the “No throw up or regurgitating” rule.
- ☐ Winners will be designated by the judges after time has expired.

Grounds for disqualification include:

- ☐ False or incomplete entry form or liability waiver
- ☐ Any health risks that could jeopardize the contestant’s health or well being.

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- ☐ Under the influence of any substance.
- ☐ Appearance and/or clothing deemed inappropriate.
- ☐ Failure to register by 11:00 am.
- ☐ Starting prior to the start signal.
- ☐ Throwing up or regurgitating.

_____ (Initial) I have read and agree to the above information on Contest Rules

Additional Rules:

Whereas the Keys Fisheries, Inc. Stone Crab eating contest is a who can crack and eat 25 Stone Crab claws in the fastest time.

And whereas competitors must eat their food in a safe fashion, but in any style, with or without any condiments and with or without beverage.

And whereas Stone Crab claws are counted and measured by any remaining meat left in the claw.

And whereas each competitor will begin the contest with 25 Stone Crab claws and a cracking utensil.

And whereas each competitor will also be provided with an empty container at the contest's start which he or she will use to discard all uneaten pieces of Stone Crab claws. And whereas these remnants of Stone Crab claws will be inspected by the judges for any remaining meat left in claw and will be deducted 30 seconds for each claw with meat remaining.

And whereas the judge will determine at contest's end which competitors have eaten 25 Stone Crab claws in the fastest time.

And whereas any food in a competitor's mouth at the final whistle counts toward the final tally if the competitor chews and swallows that portion of the competitive foodstuff. But whereas competitors may not stuff food into their mouth in the final seconds of the contest to increase their total. Judges have the discretion to impose penalties on those who do so.

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Additional Rules continued:

And whereas competitors may not touch the Stone Crab claws before the contest begins, and they may not eat or bring a Stone Crab claw in their mouths, and they may not in any way substantially alter the mass of a Stone Crab claw or dispose of any portion of the Stone Crab claw in any manner until the official start of the contest.

And whereas the starting whistle may be voice or a whistle or a buzzer or a gun (though only a blank or starting gun for reasons of safety) or a countdown or any starting signal.

And whereas, if two competitors end in a tie, having eaten the 25 Stone Crab claws in the same time. A 10 claw competition will be conducted. The first person to finish will win.

And whereas competitors will be disqualified if they dispose of food in any other way than to eat it fully. And whereas Roman method eating during or after the contest will be immediate disqualification. And whereas an incident will be determined to be a Roman method incident when any portion of the competitive eating foodstuff falls to the table or the floor or to the hand of the competitor.

And whereas eating food prior to the starting whistle will produce an immediate disqualification. And whereas interfering with another competitor in any way will produce an immediate disqualification.

And whereas a competitor with a serious ailment or health problem may not compete in the contest, but whereas a minor ailment such as sour stomach or dyspepsia shall not disqualify a competitor.

And whereas the judges' count will remain final regardless of an apparent miscount or possible erratum in the tally. And whereas all decisions by judges and the head official judge are final and conclusive.

And whereas, if any contingencies or disputes arise at the contest that are not explicitly covered in the official rules, the judge's decision will stand with the same finality as the rules.

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Keys Fisheries, Inc.

Waiver of Liability/Permission/Medical Release Form

This form is necessary for any contestant of the Keys Fisheries, Inc. Stone Crab Claw Eating Contest. Please complete this form. You will not be allowed to participate without this signed form.

First Name:_____ Last Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Home Phone:_____ Cell Phone:_____

Email:_____ Age:_____ Date of Birth:_____

Initial the following areas to acknowledge you have read and agree.

_____(Initial) I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless Keys Fisheries, Inc. and their trustees, employees, sponsors, vendors, agents, and assigns from any and all liability, damage, claim of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to my participating in this contest.

_____(Initial) Participating in any activity is an acceptance of some risk of injury.

_____(Initial) I agree that my safety is primarily dependent upon my taking proper care of myself. I assume all risks related to the activities.

_____(Initial) In case of emergency, I do hereby authorize Keys Fisheries, Inc. to seek medical treatment or care deemed advisable.

_____(Initial) I have read and agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Keys Fisheries, Inc. Stone Crab Claw Eating Contest.

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_____(Initial) My signature below indicates that I have read, understood and freely signed this agreement.

_____(Initial) I expressly agree that this agreement shall be constructed and enforced in accordance with Florida laws, and I consent to the jurisdiction of said state. I agree that this waiver and release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted under Florida laws so that if any portion hereof is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Acknowledgement of risks and waiver of liability

Contestant acknowledges that there are risks of personal injury, illness and possible loss of life, and risks of damage to or loss of personal property, which may result from participating in this contest. Contestants voluntarily enter the Keys Fisheries, Inc. Stone Crab Claw Eating Contest and assumes all of these risks. Contestant, as a condition of entry, agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Keys Fisheries, Inc. And affiliated companies, their vendors, their advertising, promotion and public relation agencies, co-sponsoring companies and their affiliates and agencies, and all officers, directors, employees and agents of the aforesaid entities, from any and all claims and costs, including attorney's fees, relating to, arising from or in connection with participation in this contest or the receipt or use of any prize. In so doing, contestant releases and indemnifies the aforesaid entities and individuals in this contest or the receipt or use of any prize. In no event shall Keys Fisheries, Inc. be held liable to a contestant for acts or omissions arising out of or related to the Contest or that contestant's participation in the contest.

_____(Initial) I have read and agree to the above information on
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Final Authority

Keys Fisheries, Inc. has sole and complete discretion regarding all contests related matters. All decisions regarding qualifications, selection or disqualification of a contestant/s or winner/s shall be subject to the sole and complete discretion of Keys Fisheries, Inc. You can be disqualified for any reason at any time. **I AGREE TO NOT CONTEST THE OUTCOME AND ANY PART OR ASPECT OF THE CONTEST.**

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Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided is correct and that I have carefully read, understand, and accept the terms of the Keys Fisheries, Inc. Stone Crab claw Eating Contest Rules and Entry form. As a condition of competing in the finals, my signature indicates my understanding and assumption of the risks and my voluntary participation in this contest.

Signature: _____ Date: _____